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1. RAKVERE-TALLINN-TAPA-KONTIA-NARVA Area

Large-scale deportations started on 26 March 1949, with streets raided at nightfall and the inhabitants taken away. PWs on 29 March 1949 observed six large railroad shipments of deported Latvians (sic) on the ISHVI-NARVA railroad line. Thirteen such shipments were observed on 30 March 1949.

Estonians told PWs that each shipment carried about two thousand persons. The deportations were carried through by the MVD, with the help of Communists living in the various districts.

2. ISHVI.* Fifty to sixty railroad cars of deportees were shipped from ISHVI alone. Most were farmers and their families who were opposed to collectivization. The PW observed two large shipments of deportees passing through the ISHVI railroad station, one from TARTU and one from TALLINN.

3. SVEDLOVSK. A PW who was assigned to loading work at the SVERELOVSK railroad station at the beginning of April 1949 counted about 15 trains of deportees. It was learned that they came from the Baltic States.

4. ULEMISTE and KEILA. German PWs learned from Estonians that deported Estonians of all classes of people were entrained at the ULEMISTE and KEILA railroad stations. The deportees had to sign up for a three-year period of "voluntary" labor service in Russia.

5. TALLINN. Persons taken from the TALLINN jails were entrained on three consecutive days during the last two weeks of March 1949 on a side track behind the TALLINN main railroad station. The railroad cars were coupled to a train which was to leave in the direction of LNINGRAD at 1:30 p.m. Each shipment consisted of 80 to 100 persons.

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